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**AMENDMENTS**

**Amendments to the Abstract**

**Clean version**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following paragraph:

A method for improving absorption of amino acids in a vertebrate including administering to a vertebrate in a sufficient amount and/or at a sufficient rate to enable a desired effect on amino acids absorption, alpha-ketoglutarate (AKG), AKG derivatives or metabolites, AKG analogues or mixtures thereof.